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HIGHLIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL SHAKEOUT DAY

At 10:19 a.m. on **October 19**, millions of people will participate in the largest earthquake drill ever: ShakeOut! Why? Earthquakes can happen anywhere you work, live, or travel, which is why everyone, everywhere should know how to protect themselves should an earthquake occur. Please register at <http://www.ShakeOut.org/register> to practice and improve your level of earthquake safety. Everyone, everywhere can participate! Individuals, families, businesses, schools, government agencies, and organizations are all invited to join at 10:19 a.m. on October 19.

OCTOBER IS SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the sudden death of an infant under one year of age that cannot be explained after a thorough investigation. In Missouri, the leading cause of death for infants one month to one year of age is suffocation/strangulation in bed. In 2015, 69 Missouri infants died from suffocation/strangulation in bed, while 14 infants died from SIDS. Please promote the **ABCs** of safe sleep: place infants **A**lone on their **B**acks in a **C**rib in the same room where the parents sleep. To reduce the risk of suffocation, remove all soft objects from the crib and never place an infant to sleep with an adult or other child. Please see the Children's Trust Fund's [Never Shake & Safe Sleep for Your Baby DVD](#). [Infant Loss Resources](#) offers information as well as support for families affected by the death of an infant.

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

A Breast Cancer Awareness Month Social Media Toolkit from George Washington University is available by clicking [here](#). See pages 6 to 8 for sample tweets and Facebook posts for patients. This reminder brought to you by The Missouri Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and the [Missouri Cancer Consortium](#).

ORAL HEALTH/FLUORIDE VARNISH PROGRAM

The Office of Dental Health seeks three to four local public health agencies, with WIC programs, that may be interested in establishing an Oral Health/Fluoride Varnish Program. If you are interested, please contact Dr. John Dane, Dental Director, at john.dane@health.mo.gov.

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- [Community Health Worker ECHO - Starting November 7](#)
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- [Area Agencies on Aging & Services](#)
- [Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies](#)
- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
- [Missouri Public Health Association](#)
- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

ATTENTION CLINICAL SUBMITTERS TO THE MISSOURI STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY: STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY IMPLEMENTING NEW INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL) is in the process of implementing a new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) in multiple testing laboratory areas. Specifically, the laboratory areas included in this phase are **ALL** clinical samples with the **EXCEPTION** of Newborn Screening, HIV, Gonorrhea/Chlamydia, and Syphilis tests. The OpenELIS(OE) LIMS will provide the laboratory with improved sample management capability, improved data integrity, and reduced potential for human data entry error. In addition, the system will provide improved reporting capabilities including a web portal that MSPHL submitters can use to view and print their own test results in real time. On **October 2**, the MSPHL plans to "go-live" with the new OE LIMS. Samples submitted after that date should be submitted on the new Test Request Forms that can be accessed on the [Laboratory's website](#). Please discard or recycle all old forms at that time. For more information, please read [MSPHL Clinical LIMS Implementation](#) or contact the MSPHL at 573-751-3334.

"TOBACCO AT 21" - REDUCING SMOKING AMONG YOUTH WITH POLICY CHANGE

System-level change through public policy is often the most impactful approach for health improvement. Learn about the four key steps that the Trenton, New Jersey Health Team took to successfully enact the youth tobacco policy change (Tobacco 21 ordinance). With support from Conduent Healthy Communities Institute and the Public Goods Project on educational and behavioral change campaigns, Trenton is implementing the "Tobacco at 21" ordinance. Please visit Trenton's [website](#).

ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROGRAM WEBSITE CHANGES

The Onsite Wastewater Treatment Program (OWTS) has been busy working with the web group to make their [website](#) easier to navigate by adding two new links to the Program's main webpage. The first is the "[Onsite Wastewater Complaints](#)". This link opens a page that gives a general definition of an OWTS complaint and OWTS authority information by clicking on the appropriate county. The second link is the "[DHSS Construction Permit Process and Application](#)". This link makes it easier to find information regarding the permitting process and the Department of Health and Senior Services OWTS Construction application forms. If you have any suggestions, please contact any of the Program staff at 573-751-6095.

SEEKING STUDY PARTICIPANTS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DATA VISUALIZATION

This study aims to understand the effectiveness of a data visualization tool designed to improve understanding of data in public health practice. In an online survey (approximately 20-30 minutes long), you will complete writing tasks and questionnaires about your understanding of a financial dataset, and a few questions about yourself. You may qualify as a participant if you are a director, administrator, program lead, or director of finance, etc. whose position involves program planning, finance, or decision-making in a local or state health department. At the end of the survey, your e-mail will be entered into a drawing for a prize (valued at \$500-\$650) toward the fee for a conference registration of your choice. If you would like to participate, please e-mail Seungeun Park, PhD candidate, University of Washington, at separk@uw.edu. Please feel free to forward this information to your colleagues.

2017-2018 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR STATE, TRIBAL, TERRITORIAL, AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS PROGRAM

For the third year, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support; the National Council for Behavioral Health is pleased to announce the [2017-2018 Behavioral Health Training and Technical Assistance for State, Tribal, Territorial, and Local Health Officials Program](#). Through a request for application process, up to 40 health officials will be selected to participate in the third cohort of this eight-month initiative. Selected health officials will gain direct access to behavioral health (mental health and substance use disorders) training and technical assistance to enhance and/or initiate behavioral health efforts within their jurisdictions. Applications are due by 8:00 p.m. EDT on **October 23**. For more information about this program, please read the full [request for application and application questionnaire](#).

WOMEN: TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH BOOKLET

Women: Take Charge of Your Health is a free publication with information about common health concerns for women, risk factors for disease, and ways to take charge of your health. To order a supply, please complete the [Request for Literature form](#) (stock #980). The booklet is available for viewing by clicking [here](#). For more information, please contact Stacey Lannert, Office on Women's Health at 573-526-0459 or stacey.lannert@health.mo.gov.

WIC UPDATES

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

- New Design of the WIC Participant Identification (ID) Folder
- Your Feedback is Needed! Harvesters Food Bank
- JOB POSTING: Breastfeeding Peer Counselor - Platte County Health Department
- JOB POSTING: WIC Clerk - Platte County Health Department

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

DHSS has no new job opportunities or news to share this week.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING – October 30 - 31

The Statewide Public Health Meeting will be held October 30 to 31 at the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City **in lieu of the Fall Regional Local Public Health System Meetings**. For an agenda and to register, please click [here](#).

ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROGRAM UPCOMING COURSES IN OCTOBER

The next Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Basic Installer course is October 16 to 17, and the OWTS Advanced Installer course is October 18 to 19, both in Jefferson City. Individuals that are interested in these trainings or becoming registered to install, repair, and/or modify OWTS, please fill out the appropriate registration form located at <http://health.mo.gov/living/environment/onsite/appsforms.php>. 2018 Quarterly Installer Course information will be available in December, and will also be published in the Friday Facts. For more information, please contact the Onsite Wastewater Program staff at 573-751-6095.

EPIDEMIOLOGIC PROFILE OF VIRAL HEPATITIS IN MISSOURI - October 23

The *Epidemiologic Profile of Viral Hepatitis in Missouri* will be presented on October 23 in the Birch Conference Room at the Department of Health and Senior Services, 930 Wildwood, Jefferson City from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the *Epidemiologic Profile of Viral Hepatitis in Missouri* is to document and interpret the dimensions and impact of the state's viral hepatitis epidemic in terms that can be used to heighten awareness and drive decision making. For more information, please click [here](#).

MISSOURI HEALTH POLICY SUMMIT: FOOD POLICY IS HEALTH POLICY – October 26 - 27

The Missouri Health Policy Summit is October 26 to 27 at the Hilton Garden Conference Center in Columbia. Topics include food and farm policy and their impact on health, local initiatives to improve health, and health reform. Featured speakers include Margo Wootan, Ricardo Salvador, and Alison Kodjak. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register! Early bird registration has been extended until **October 6**. Students [register](#) free! This year's Summit is a partnership between the MU Center for Health Policy and the Missouri Council for Activity and Nutrition.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER ECHO – Starting November 7

Please join Community Health Workers to increase your ability to effectively and efficiently empower individuals to manage their health. Get expert Community Health Worker knowledge in a virtual learning network with University of Missouri and Community Health Worker leaders and specialists throughout the state. Project ECHO is a guided practice model that revolutionizes medical education and increases workforce capacity to provide best-practice specialty care and reduce health disparities. Beginning November 7, the ECHO will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the next eight months. Please register [here](#).

EXCEL BASICS AND PRACTICE APPLICATIONS – November 16

The Missouri Public Health Association is sponsoring Excel Basics and Practice Applications at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia on November 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE! HEALTHY LIVES – HEALTHY COMMUNITIES – April 27

The Missouri Health Equity Collaborative (MOHEC), MU Sinclair School of Nursing, and the Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) will present Healthy Lives – Healthy Communities on April 27 at the Peachtree Banquet Center in Columbia. Please visit the MOHEC [website](#) for more information (posted as finalized).

For other training opportunities, please see [Links to Valuable Resources](#) that are on Page 2 of this Friday Facts publication.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS MANAGER - Jackson County Health Department

The Jackson County Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time Communicable Disease Prevention and Public Health Preparedness Division Manager. The Manager will function as one of the key management staff members at the Jackson County Health Department and plays an integral role in the agency's planning, initiating, collaborating, and evaluating activities related to communicable disease prevention and emergency preparedness. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST – Jefferson County Health Department

The Jefferson County Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time Environmental Public Health Specialist. This is professional and technical work in promoting community environmental health and the implementation of environmentally influenced public health laws and regulations. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

RN HOME HEALTH SUPERVISOR - Monroe County Health Department and Home Health Agency

The Monroe County Health Department and Home Health Agency seeks qualified candidates for a full-time Registered Nurse (RN) Home Health Supervisor. Candidates must have a valid Missouri RN license, prior experience working in home health, and leadership and supervisory skills necessary to ensure quality operation within fiscal guidelines. Interested candidates should submit resumes to the Monroe County Health Department/Home Health Agency, 310 North Market, Paris, MO 65275 or paula.delaney@lpha.mo.gov. For more information, please call 660-327-4653. The Monroe County Health Department is an equal opportunity employer.

WIC NUTRITIONIST OR REGISTERED DIETICIAN – Nodaway County Health Department

The Nodaway County Health Department seeks candidates for a part-time WIC Nutritionist or a part-time Registered Dietitian to convey accurate nutrition assessments, assign risk factors, and provide appropriate nutrition and breastfeeding education to all participants according to the state WIC Program policies and procedures. The WIC Nutritionist must have requisite level of coursework and the Registered Dietitian must be currently registered in Missouri. The candidate must be dependable, punctual, and able to work in a team environment. Commitment to excellent customer service is essential. Please submit resume to tompatterson@nodawayhealth.org or Nodaway County Health Department, 2416 South Main St., Maryville, MO 64468. Please call Tom Patterson, Administrator, at 660-562-2755 for more information.

EPIDEMIOLOGIST – Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) seeks candidates for a full-time, non-exempt Epidemiologist. Responsibilities include disease surveillance, data analysis, preparing investigation reports and summaries, emergency response planning, formulate and implement TCHD Continuing Quality Improvement and Performance Management programs. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

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